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NOTICE TO THE TRADE

The purpose of this notice is to alert all interested parties to foreign food assistance program and procurement related information provided to the public and available from various Internet sources.

We have received inquiries about upcoming bulk wheat orders in the near term. Accordingly, this is to advise that the following requests for bulk wheat shipments have been or are being issued in the near future by the Bulk Grain Division of Kansas City Commodity Office:

Inv. 490 (offers due Dec. 18)
USAID/Ethiopia 56,100 MT HRW,
USAID/Eritrea 16,200 MT HRW,
WFP/Eritrea 10,000 MT HRW,
WFP/Sudan 25,000 MT HRW, shipment period for all parcels Jan. 2 - 22.

Inv. 491 (offers due Dec. 19)
CARE/Haiti 20,620 MT HRW, shipment period Feb. 3 - 15.

World Vision/Mozambique (Inv. not issued yet)- 15,650 MT NS, 6,350 MT HRW, shipment period Feb.

CRS/Ghana (Inv. not yet issued)- 15,000 MT NS, shipment period Jan.

WFP/Afghanistan (Inv not yet issued) 30,000 mt SWW shipment Jan 15 - 25
WFP/Ethiopia (Inv. not yet issued) 130,000 mt HRW shipment period not yet known

In the future, this information will be available at the following web site:

Bulk grain Invitations <ftp://ftp.fsa.usda.gov/public/grain/default.htm>

We hope that you find this information of value and welcome your comments.

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